

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DOUGLAS T. JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

Case No: 1:12-cv-935

-v-

COUNTY OF KENT, KENT

COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

UNKNOWN HEALTH CARE

PROVIDER,

Defendants, /

EX-PARTE MOTION FOR  
EMERGENCY RELIEF

Now comes the Plaintiff, Douglas T. Johnson, In Forma Paupers, and moves this Honorable Court to order the Defendants to immediately release the Plaintiff from custody on his own personal recognizance, or in the alternative, on GPS Tether and in support states as follows:

1. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Defendants has caused Plaintiff to be detained on a charge of False Pretenses over 1K-2012 relating to a transaction that only involves fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars,
2. The transaction was between Plaintiff and an individual named Laurel Ellis who is currently being charged in this Court with Manufacturing & Delivery of a large amount of marijuana who retained Plaintiff to perform various lobbying and other services along with Attorney Russell Collins. However,

due to deteriorating family health issues & after becoming more familiar with Mr. Ellis' case, it was determined that Plaintiff was unable to provide any services that would benefit Mr. Ellis and therefore terminated his relationship with Mr. Ellis and Attorney Collins,

4. Prior to informing Plaintiff that they were in any way dissatisfied with Plaintiff's services either Mr. Ellis and/or Attorney Collins file a complaint with the Kent County Sheriff's Department or the Grand Rapids Police Department alleging some form of fraud, a copy of said complaint has yet to be seen by Plaintiff despite almost a month of detention and other losses suffered by Plaintiff and his family,

5. In addition, during this time of detention Plaintiff has not received proper medical care for the terminal illness he was diagnosed with on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001 by Neurologist Dr. Julie Hise, specifically Multiple Sclerosis.

6. Despite Defendants being given a detailed list of medications and dosage with the contact information of the prescribing doctors, Defendants have refused to provide Plaintiff these medications and have instead took it upon themselves to prescribe alternate medications that have been ineffective and have caused Plaintiff's serious health condition to worsen.

7. In the only instance where Defendants reluctantly tried to provide Plaintiff with his weekly interferon injection manufactured by Avonex, they failed to keep it refrigerated and it spoiled. After Plaintiff refused to take the spoiled medication on August 27, 2012 they lie Plaintiff to believe that they obtained a new batch of Avonex on September 2, 2012. However, after

mixing the medication and taking the injection it became obvious the medication was from the same spoiled batch. Plaintiff did not experience any of the flu like symptoms after the nurse injects him in the wrong area that is expected from a usable dose of Avonex indicating that the shot administered on September 24, 2012 was either from the original batch or a new batch Defendants let原告s deteriorate too long again.

8. It is important to point out that recently one of the Defendants' representatives was questioned by a reporter for the Grand Rapids Press who made various statements that were untrue. Capt. Kevin Kelling of the Kent County Sheriff's Department is quoted as saying that "Johnson is getting all the medication that he needs" and that "His family brought the medication to the jail" knowing both these statements to be untrue. Plaintiff is not getting any of the medication that has been prescribed to him for over 10 years nor does any of his family members bring medication to the jail. Plaintiff's wife is the only family member who has access to his medication and she has been unable to drive from Holland to Grand Rapids due to the repeated surgeries she has had since Plaintiff's detention. The truth of the matter is the Defendants obtained the Avonex from CVS Pharmacy but failed to keep it refrigerated. They after being told that they let it spoil and was wanting to throw away over \$5,000.00 in medication, they lied to Plaintiff to trick him into taking unusable & most likely unsafe medication.

9. It can not be disputed that on August 23rd, 2012 all of Defendants' representatives tried to mislead a local District Court Judge into believing that Plaintiff was faking his illness, or can it be disputed that a different representative lied to the Press and the general public as to how the jail

obtains the medication to administer to Plaintiff, or if Plaintiff is actually getting the proper medication to treat his terminal illness. Such being the case, how is Plaintiff supposed to trust these Defendants to properly care for his terminal illness while in their custody.

10. In light of the amounts of deaths that have occurred at Defendants facility this past year alone, the amounts of detainees the Plaintiff has seen in the past month receive improper care including a preventable amputation of a foot, and the Defendants tricking Plaintiff into ingesting spoiled medication, how can this Court conclude that Defendants conduct is acceptable & appropriate as long Plaintiff is their custody receiving what amounts to third-world medical care.
11. The Plaintiff faces a relatively minor offense in comparison to what these Defendants are subjecting Plaintiff to on a daily basis (i.e. increased muscle spasms, increased pain in lower extremities, blurry vision that did not exist prior to detention, increased numbness in arms & hands, and other issues directly related to not being given medication that has been prescribed to Plaintiff for over 10 years) which is easily correctable by ordering these Defendants to release Plaintiff to his own personal recognizance or a GPS tether so that he can provide his own medical care at home, as he has been the past 10 years, while he detaches himself from the unmerited charge brought by these Defendants for questionable purposes.

In summary, the Plaintiff's health is quickly deteriorating needlessly and without justification. The Plaintiff should not face losing his sight, his ability to walk, or even death over a "1,500<sup>th</sup> dispute with a suspected drug dealer. It is the Plaintiff's hope that this Court wants agree on issue its order

Directing Defendants to immediately release Plaintiff or terms the Court deems appropriate & just so that Plaintiff has access to healthcare he has been denied by Defendants, properly defend himself from any unscrupulous charges, and diligently pursue his claim in this action.

Respectfully Submitted,

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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